



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

BANEY

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For: AN OPTICAL WAVE-GUIDE
MICROSTRUCTURED
ENVIRONMENT ABSORPTION
CELL

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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 31, 2005, received prior to the filing of the present Request for Continued Examination, the Applicant respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration of the above captioned patent application in view of the amendments and arguments set forth below.